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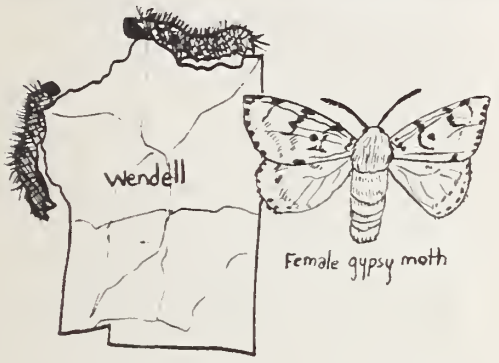

Gypsy Moths Attack
Government Conducts Test

100% forest tree defoliation can be expected this summer in the Western portion of Wendell due to the gypsy moth, according to Erving State Forester, Doug Trefry.

The gypsy moth caterpillars, which hatch in early May and remain active through June, feed heavily on oak and other deciduous trees during their early larval stages, weakening but rarely killing the trees. Later the caterpillars feed on conifers and occasionally kill hemlocks after just one season of defoliation. Trefry admits that there is little one can do to stop the infestation of this pest which was inadvertantly imported from Europe in the 1800's and therefore has few local natural enemies.

Due to the large numbers of gypsy moths in Eastern Franklin County, the federal government will be conducting tests of biological control agents against gypsy moth in the Warwick, Wendell Northfield, and Erving State Forests. Operating out of the Otis Methods Development Center, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service of the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture is conducting a series of tests on the effectiveness of a bacteria, Bacillus Thuringensis and a virus compound, Gypcheck. Bacillus Thuringensis is a bacteria which infects and kills leaf-eating caterpillars when injested and is currently produced by two companies. Gypcheck, which contains wilt disease, a naturally occuring viral disease in gypsy moth populations, is produced at the Otis Methods Development Center and will be tested on a large scale for the first time in Franklin County.

The biological agents, neither of which remains viable for more than two days, are being tested along with sticking agents and sun screens which may prolong their activity. Molasses is being tested both as a sticking agent and as a sun screen. An additional sun screen similar to the one used in suntan lotion is being tested and hopefully will effectively protect the virus from the sun's deadly ultraviolate radiation.

Both agents are completely harmless to humans, livestock and the enviornment, and will be applied aerially on approximately forty 50 foot test blocks throughout the four state forests. Two applications of each organism will be made at a one week interval in late May at the peak of caterpillar activity.

These test setes are unfortunately far too small to offer effectife gypsy moth control this season, however if the tests are successful and manufacturing companies take over production of these biological control organisms an inexpensive, safe means of gypsy moth control will be available in the future.

John Robinson, Supervisor of Safety for Boston & Maine RR readies projector with help of Julia Hiscock, Wendell.
Photo by Ed Judice

Headstart Registration

Head Start, a federally funded program for low income families, is taking applications now for the fall. Wendell Center will be beginning its third year in Wendell Center School. Three and four year olds from income eligible families should apply as soon as possible for this free program. The program is from 8:30-12:30 Tuesday-Friday with breakfast and lunch provided. Transportation is provided for Wendell and New Salem children, but children are also accepted, as space permits from Shutesbury, Leverett and Orange.

Health screenings, including vision, hearing, hemoglobin, urine and lead testing are done. Speech screening and mental health screening are done by Swift River Consultants.

Head Start provides a group situation for children where they can learn to share and communicate with other children and adults. Socialization is perhaps the most important skill learned, but children are also taught listening skills and basic skills such as counting, number concepts, color names and general knowledge about themselves and their environment. They also learn to manipulate and experience art materials, learn songs and experience movement activities. A large indoor structure helps provide for large muscle activities.

A special needs co-ordinator is available to help intergrate children with special needs into the program. Teachers are given additional special needs training.

A family advocate assists families in identifying and meeting some of their everyday social, emotional and living needs.

Parent workshops are conducted each Monday on such topics as child development, children's books, tofu demonstration and other topics selected by parents. Child care is provided in the morning. Parents also make program decisions through the Policy Council. Sarah Younglove is Director of Franklin County Head Start. Laurie Dunham is completing her second year as Head Teacher and Building Co-ordinator at Wendell. Lorraine Wing has also been at Wendell 2 years as the Commonwealth Worker, responsible for child transportation and transporting food from Swift River. Joan Paczkowski and Kate Cameron are completing their 1st year as Assistant Teachers. Applications may be picked up and returned to Wendell Center this month or call the school at 544-7467.

The Wendell/New Salem School District hopes to continue their tuition program that has run in co-operation with the Head Start program. Interested parents should contact Leonard Lubinsky, Superintendent of Schools, at the Millers Falls ofice, 659-3337.

1980 Annual Town Meeting & Election of Town Officials

ELECTION-
Monday, May 5, 1980
Polls Open-- 12:00 Noon to 8:00pm

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING-
Tuesday May 13,1980 at 7:00pm
for Articles 2-22
Tuesday May 20,1980 at 7:00pm
for Articles 23-46

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING May 13 6'30
~~Check the official posting places in town for the new time of the Special~~ Town Meeting

CANDIDATES NIGHT
Tuesday, April 29 at 8:00

PRETOWN MEETING
Tuesday, May 6 at 7:30

FOR RELATED NEWS SEE--
WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
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CAMPAIGN STATEMENTS
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Letters To The Post

A Plea For Our Back Country Roads

They are beautiful to walk at this season but please keep your vehicle off them for this next month. Many are soft and muddy and there are a few washout. Cars and trucks are leaving unsightly tracks and usually wind up getting stuck and have to be pulled out, anyway. So enjoy them by walking not riding.

A concerned resident.

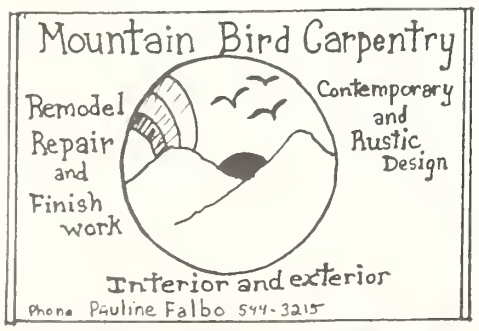
Withdrawal Notice

Hello! This is a message from your friendly town auditor. After checking the town books, I realized how much of this town's money goes into the Highway Dept. The position of highway surveyor is up for election this year. The highway surveyor has some influence on how our tax dollars are spent. I would like to see our roads better maintained. Although I don't know very much about road repair, I'd heard many complaints about their present condition and felt that I should run for the position of highway surveyor. After I handed in my nomination papers, I heard of Joe Williams and then talked to him on the phone. He knows roads and talks roads and understands them better than most people. He has ideas and the desire to fix our roads. So I decided to withdraw from the race. I hope my decision will give Joe a better chance of being elected. This town has a history of split votes in which the best candidate loses. I have withdrawn to avoid that situation. Joe Williams is a capable man who could put our roads into shape and hold our taxes steady. I urge you to vote for him. Jay Pikiell

Chimney Fires

In the last issue I wrote a story about chimney fires. I've since recieved concern that I said to open up the dampers on a stove when there is a chimney fire. The people who have written and spoken to me feel that in case of a chimney fire the damper should be closed, feeling that this will slow down or stop the fire. I spoke to Chief Ricketts about this again and he still feels it best to open the dampers to dissapate the heat and burn up the creoset He said the most important things are 1st to try and prevent chimney fires even if one has to clean out their stovepipe once or twice a week, and secondly in case of fire to call the fire department quickly.

by Annie Diemand



Meetings Matter

Moderate, adj.---kept within due bounds; observing reasonable limits; not excessive; restrained. To moderate is a verb, and further, it is a job that has been done for many years by Emma Cappelluzzo, our Town Moderator. The Wendell Post talked with her recently about her role and the bounds, limits, excesses and restraints she helps to guide us through at our Town Meetings.

Much of the discussion dealt with how Town Meeting members could make meetings more efficient and less frustrating. This isn't to say that our meetings are not better than some in the early history of the Commonwealth. There was a time when meetings could go on for weeks, in part because filibustering was allowed. Despite problems, Cappelluzzo feels,"the Town Meeting's still a system of town government that works for small towns, and ours are as pure as any in the state."

The moderator sees the Town Meetings as a time to deal with issues that affect the community as a whole. It is a convenient forum to solve and resolve concerns, issues and plans for the community --- both issues rooted in the past and those that affect our future.

While Cappelluzzo would desire specific improvements be made in the conduct of our meetings, she says, "I don't want the meetings to become slick." The meetings would be more effective, first, if members came better prepared with information about issues over which they are most concerned. She suggests that citizens seek this information from town officials and by attending relevant committee meetings.

"When the warrant is posted, if not before, that is the time to start looking for information." The moderator says, "This information gathering should be culminated by the pre-town meeting." The distinction between the pre-town meeting and the actual town meeting is shown by its result. The pre-town meeting should provide adequate information to understand the issude, and give some insight into other peoples' views. Cappelluzzo says, "Ideally Town Meeting discussion should be reserved for clarification (This established procedure according to Mass. Moderators Assoc.) and the goal of the meeting is to make decisions on the issues." The Selectboard and Finance Committee should explain their positions on the articles, and "the citizens" should come to the Town Meeting knowing how they feel about an article on the warrant."

Cappelluzzo is reluctant to cut off discussion, but increased Town Meeting attendance increases the pressure to do so. She thinks some of the problem can be abated if speakers avoid "redundancy, reminiscenses, projections, and so on, and try to limit remarks to the issue at hand. The overcrowding requires careful attention when others are speaking."

People new to the Town Meeting require some breaking in as they learn procedure and protocol. "They need to learn the meaning of terms, such as Chapt. 90, committee functions ,etc. This problem has leveled off in the last year or so," the moderator feels.

An increasing dilemma is the attendance of small children in the hall. In response to this conflict, Cappelluzzo has asked Ted Lewis, Chairman of the Selectboard, to make arrangements for childcare in the Center School building on the day of the Town Meeting. She said that he supported the idea and would look into it.

Cappelluzzo claims, "my biggest satisfaction is helping the meeting to allow people to speak their minds." Town Meeting members owe it to themselves to use wisely the limits of this institution to further the success of our Town government. Michael Idoine

Second Thoughts On Rt. 2

Russ Shaw of Erving Paper Company has hopes for a new Rt.2 but "actually it isn't something we talk much about at the Company". Fred Muehl, County Planning Director, is putting pressure on the Mass. Dept. of Public Works for immediate submission of the Final Environmental Impact Statement(FEIS); Rep. Bill Benson thinks the DPW is a law unto itself that even a Governor King can't do anything with.

Each of these men was asked this week what they knew of the status of Rt.2 and what effect they thought the cut in Federal support to highways would have upon its planned relocation to the south bank of the Millers River.

The man who oversees the FEIS for the Dept,of Public Works, John Willey, says that "the lack of money means that we will build roads where there is no controversy and where the payoff is immediately obvious."

The FEIS-- now in its "second preliminary draft subject to revision" stage--suggeststhat the payoff for DPW is becoming less and less. Traffic volumes projected for the year 2000 have dropped from the estimated (1968) 8000 trips per day to 7860 t/p/d. County leaders, however, seem to care less about the content and implications of the FEIS than they do about its submission to the U.S. Dept. of Transportation. They agree that nothing can be done about Rt. 2 until the impact statement is submitted, yet they are generally vague as to when that will happen.

The way to find out is to ask the Federal Highway Administration. The Post asked. Frank Bricaglia, district environmental engineer for the FHWA, said the FEIS would be sent to the regional office in November, about a year behind schedule or about par for anything having to do with Rt. 2.

The Post also asked to examine the second preliminary draft of the FEIS. Michael Idoine of Wendell Concerned Citizens thinks that portion which contains the consultants' $60,000 study of an upgrade of the present route through Erving Center is worth the money. "They seem", Idoine said, "to have come up with the 'prudent and feasible alternative' we've been hoping for." He pointed out that the proposed 5.8 miles of

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Citizens Move To Ban Pesticides

Last Spring Northeast Utilities denied Nina Keller, then three months pregnant, the courtesy of advance warning on the morning they sprayed herbicides on the power lines adjacent to her property. This followed her specific request for such notification.

At the Special Town Meeting in December, 1979, Mrs. Keller presented a resolution for the town to stand resolute against the spraying of herbicides and other chemicals in Wendell. The resolution was overwhelmingly accepted and the town members suggested that she prepare By-Laws to be presented in the future.

The Warrant for the up-coming Annual Town Meeting contains three proposed By-Laws.

The first By-Law (Art. #37) is a blanket prohibition of any non-domestic, non-agricultural use of pesticides (including herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, rodenticides, etc.) within town borders, including rights-of-ways, and state and public lands. Biological control and inert control measures are exempt from this ban as they pose no potential threat to health and public welfare. This By-Law also maintains that the Town will object to drift and run-off from sprays used in neighboring towns and state forests. A $200 maximum fine per day per violation will be enforced by the selectmen for each violation of this By-Law.

The other two By-Laws (which carry the same penalty as the first) are aimed at protecting individual rights in the event that the first By-Law is not passed, or if difficulties of enforcement arise. The second By-Law (Art. #38) requires that anyone applying chemicals for purposes other than domestic or agricultural use must obtain written permission from each resident within a 14 mile radius of aerial application and a 3 mile radius of ground application. The sprayer must also accept total responsibility for any accident or damage to people or property. The third By-Law (Art. #39) requires that the public be notified of all chemical spray activities (as described in the first By-Law) via media, written communication, sirens, and posting of sprayed areas, and that permits and official regulations concerning spray procedures be available to the citizenry before hand.

The residents of Wendell join many other communities across the country in their acceptance of the responsibilities for personal health and safety on a local level. From Mendicino County, California, which banned aerial chemical application, to our neighbors in Hopington and Salisbury, New Hampshire, who have restricted herbicide use, people are coming to grips with the faulty present system of chemical registration and the federal and state agencies which control chemical use.

Under the present system all registered substances are considered safe until proven harmful. For example, the herbicide 2,4,5,-T was considered safe for years and used until its recent suspension when data showed it to cause miscarriages, birth defects and cancer. The EPA, which has the monumental task of screening all new chemicals and reviewing the magnitude of chemicals on the market today (many of which were registered over thirty years ago) often relies upon research data from the manufacturing companies themselves. There have been numerous instances when data indicating possible harmful effects of a compound was shelved while "harmless" data was released to the EPA. In the case of 2,4,5-T, Dow Chemical refused to release data to the EPA containing information on the feto-toxicity and carcenogenic properties of the chemical.

According to one Wendell resident, "The power companies may be using these chemicals in good faith, but since they won't show the townspeople a little courtesy and since we can't trust the present system, these By-Laws are obviously needed to protect ourselves on the local level."

Selectmen's Minutes

February 19, 1980

The State Primary Election Warrant was signed.

Appointed Albert J. Diemand, Civil Defense Director.

Town Clerk, Anny Hartjens reported that there are a few officials that have not been sworn into office.

N. Cole, D. Williston, M. Addison, and J. Burnett were chosen for Ballet Clerks for the Primary Election.

Met with the Planning Board to choose a new member to fulfill the vacancy of Ralph Barnes. Nominated Haldimand S. Putnam and Thomas Wetherby. Simos and Boland voted for Putnam. Hogerheide, Wilder, and Avery voted for Wetherby. Wetherby is the new member.

Motion made to place an article on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant asking for $2,000 for legal fees to oppose Rte. 2. Voted in favor 3-0. The motion was made at the request of the Wendell Concerned Citizens to carry forward their $2,000 to FY 1981.

Voted to set the following Town Meeting Dates:

Mon.5/5/80 - Annual Election, hours 12:00 noon to 8:00 pm.

Tues.5/13/80 - Business Meeting, 1st half of the articles.

Tues.5/20/80 - Business Meeting, 2nd half of the articles.

Allarticles for the Annual Meeting must be in the hands of the Selectmen by Tues., March 20, 1980.

March 4, 1980

Appointed Bruce Cohen to the Recreation Committee to fill the vacancy created by Tina Cohen who never accepted her earlier appointment. Recreation Committee member, Beverly Cowdrick, requested permission from the Board to erect a backstop on the Town Common. After a discussion which focused on safety and the need for recreational facilities, permission was granted.

Myron Becker requested the use of the Town Hall for Saturday, March 15, for a dance and party for the Town's people. Music will be provided by several groups including the Wendell Rangers. Mr. Becker informed the Board that he had made arrangements for the necessary liability insurance for the hall's use. Permission granted.

Charles Winn of the Kimball-Cooke Insurance Agency met with the Board to discuss the Town's Insurance Policies:

Recommendations:

1. That the Board include the following article on the annual Town Meeting warrent. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate the sum of $1,500. to purchase Indemnification Insurance to protect our public officials from nonfraudulent acts or errors of omission within the responsibilities of their offices, or take any action thereon.

2. Place all of the buildings, vehicular, and present liability insurance under one line item for budget purposes --"General Insurance." Using this plan the insurance now included in the Fire Dept, Police Dept, Highway Dept, budgets as well as Town Buildings will be in the new line item.

Insurance Accounts will now be--Group Health, Workmen's Comp, and General Insurance. These recommendations were also discussed with members of the Finance Committee. Mr. Winn will update all of the figures for FY81 before the next meeting.

March 18,1980

Approved a draft copy of a letter written by Town Counsel to Guy Carbon, Commissioner of the M.D.C. with regard to the Conn. River Diversion Project.

Discussed Town Meeting Warrant.

Received a 3rd class license application from Robert E. Pierce Jr. of Stone Rd.

Town Party A Success

Many local adults and children turned out to be entertained and to visit at the Wendell Town Party, held March 15th. Music for the event was provided by "Stray Dog" Perry Howarth, Tom and Shane Devine, and the "Wendell Rangers". John "Klondike" Kohler managed with his expertise and sophisticated equipment to create an excellent sound for the bands in the acoustically difficult townhall.

Initially the sponsors of the event, The Wendell Rangers, Klondike Sound, and the Wendell Post, found some members of the selectboard reluctant to grant permission for the use of the townhall.

Chairman Ted Lewis was concerned that townspeople would not approve of expenditures for purely social gatherings. After much thought and negotiation, Mr. Lewis reversed his decision, making the vote unanimous to allow the event, with the provisions that the sponsors would buy insurance and take up donations to defray town expenses.

Police Chief Ed Chase, who supervised the evening, described the crowd as well-behaved. Townhall Custodian Tom Bardsley reported that the hall was left very neat. Thanks to the success of the evening, other such events will be planned, perhaps through the auspices of the Town Recreation Commission.

Gallery of Homes

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Edward D. Boland

3 yr. term

Ed Boland brings his concern for the financial status of town government and his desire to communicate town government processes to the front of his campaign for selectman. He says, "We have to figure out what we want and how much we are willing to pay for it."

Boland has been active in town affairs although he has lived in town only a couple of years. He served on the Finance Committee for the past year. He hoped to bring his experience in the computer business to bear on the operation of the town. That experience includes work as a computer and business consultant, and computer market representative in western Mass. and Vermont for the Tandy Corp.

As with others, the increasingly heavy tax rate alarms Boland. He says, "We have to learn to deal with it in terms of what people can afford." In a similar way he feels we must more carefully define what we expect from our public officials and set limits to those expectation that would make their work more reasonable. "Making use of ordinary citizens talents to help with the work of the selectboard and other departments might help this situation he says."

"The town needs a town garage and fire station," Boland concludes, "But we can't afford to pay a contractor to build one." He thinks we should call on the people of the town to contribute labor and supplies to the project. He suggests, "If we got together on it, it would cost a lot less."

"There is a community here that has a great deal of potential that is being wasted by divisions," Boland argues, "but the common enemy is our inability to communicate adequately." He says that he would like to see all people interested in the town find ways to co-operate. Boland thinks that opening up communications from the selectboard's office will help in that process.

Pliny A. Stebbins

ASSESSOR 3 yr. term

I look forward to serving the Town in the capacity of Assessor for the coming three years and to working with my colleagues on the Board toward equalizing Wendell's taxes.

Janet Ann Ducharme

SCHOOL COMMITTEE 3 yr. term

Mrs. DuCharme did not wish to make a statement.

Kathy-Ann Becker

LIBRARY TRUSTEE 3 year term

I am proud of the growth of our town's library and would like to contine to be a part of this exciting place. The other trustees are capable and energetic. I want to re-commit myself to sharing in their efforts of making the library a useful and fun resource.

Happy Birthday Wendell Post

Thomas Sogard

SELECTMAN 3 yr. term

Tom Sogard focuses on his 30 years experience in owning & managing businesses as an important qualification in his race for selectman's position. While he moved to Wendell "to enjoy my property and privacy" he agreed to recent requests from other citizens to run for this office.

Although he says that he has no particular interest in politics, he does say "I have an interest in the town." Two months ago he accepted an unexpired term on the Finance Committee.

Sogard sees money as the major concern for town government. With a riding tax rate, "the town is strapped right now---and services are at a minimum because money is not available." He says that he is not sure what can be done but offers, "if I can help I want to do that." In response to a question about delegating work of town government he replied, "any knowledge we can use should help. I can't see three people closing the door and trying to run the town."

"The town is in a critical time," Soard explains. he sees a problem in the possible increase in house trailers and campsites, as opposed to maintaining the residential nature of the community and a need to improve the residential character.

"I don't see industrial development happening in the town of Wendell for that matter, since the tax situation is so bad," he pointed out. Recreational development does not promise revenue either Sogard feels. He thinks only the increased cost of transportation would make increased local business possible.

Ingrid Pfohl

BOARD OF HEALTH

3 year term

Ingrid Pfohl submitted the following statemnt in support of her candidacy:

"Wendell has been my home for 5 years and I love it dearly. As a concerned member of its community, I want to be involved with protecting and promoting its health on a public level, that is why I am running for the Board of Health.

"Health issues, both personal and public, are important to me as a practicing Registered Nurse. I feel the main business of the Wendell Board of Health should be to try to maintain good health and to prevent possible health hazards to its citizens.

"I would like the Board of Health to deal with the following issues: supporting blood pressure clinics & providing personal health information; studying and acting on the use of herbicides of other dangerous chemicals within its boundaries; publicizing clear guidelines for the proper placement of outhouses; and facing the health issues of nuclear power and the close presence of the Vernon Nuclear Plant and its effect on the health of Wendell.. "I'm sure there are many other issues that other people are concerned about and I hope they would call me and discuss them."

Raymond G. Ducharme

BOARD OF HEALTH

3 yr. term

Mr. DuCharme did not wish to make a statement.

A. Parker Cleveland

PLANNING BOARD 5 yr. term

As Wendell appears to be once again tackling the zoning issue, Parker Cleveland is pleased with his role in promoting the neighborhood meetings which have sought citizen input on this problem. In seeking re-election to the Planning Board he points out many people feel that some kind of zoning is necessary.

While Cleveland says, "Zoning is something I've never been comfortable with, the question now is not whether to have it but what kind can townspeople accept", he says. "I want to help Wendell get what it wants."

Although he feels there is a legitimate place for zoning, Cleveland fears, "that we might make it more difficult for people to own their own home." Snob zoning is a possibility if the attitude, "we should get a better class of people in this town, prevails." He sees this conflict generated from what is basically a tax issue.

Cleveland sees that careful planning could promote small businesses. He thinks zoning can address pollution issues He has enjoyed dealing with similar issues and energy planning in particular as a Wendell representative to the Franklin Co. Planning Board.

Thomas E. Wetherby

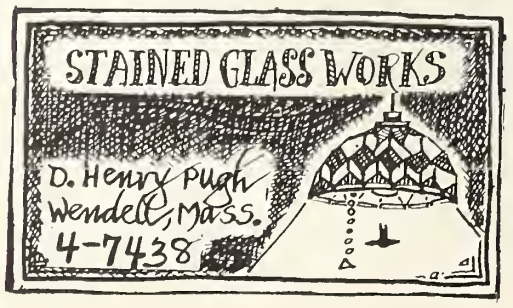
PLANNING BOARD 1 yr. term

As a lifelong resident of Wendell, Tom Wetherby is concerned about its future. "I have children in school here...and I want to see the rural nature of the Town maintained," he says. He sees the primary job before the Planning Board as putting together a zoning package.

Wetherby was appointed this winter to complete Ralph Barnes unexpired term. He once served as an appointed Assessor ('75-'76). He is a manager at Mann Lumber Co. and feels this helps him to understand the value of real estate.

He feels, "We have to plan carefully in relation to the Town budget; move in a direction where (in the short run) we keep tax from escalating and eventually de-escalate the burden per housing unit. He considers a "head tax" worth looking into as a means for separating the tax issue from planning problems.

Wetherby thinks "impact zoning" is worth exploring. This is a flexible method that would allow development that is not offensive to neighbors. He welcomes businesses as far as "they are compatible with the rural nature of the town."



Daniel E. Bacigalupo

CEMETARY COMMISSIONER 3 yr. term

Mr. Bacigalupo did not wish to make a statement.

CEMETARY COMMISSIONER

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Daniel E. Bacigalupo

TREE WARDEN 1 yr. term

Mr. Bacigalupo did not wish to make a statement.

Joseph P. Hartjens III

CONSTABLE 3 yr. term

Constable Hartjens is running for re-election to the office he has held for 7 years. He has been elected three times.

The Town Constable generally has powers of Sheriff. The Constable once was Chief Police Officer of Town, but now is primarily involved with civil law proceedings. These functions include serving summons, warrants, divorce papers, eviction notices and Town Warrants for elections and Town Meetings. He has jurisdiction throughout the Commonwealth. The Sheriffs work through constables 90% of the time. In addition to the constables job, Hartjens has served for 7 years as a town police officer. During that time he received 39 hours training from the Mass. Criminal Justice Training Council. He has been certified in CPR and First Aid.

If elected he would like to join the Mass. Constables Association. This group helps to keep constables up to date in latest proceedures.

Hartjens says, "I enjoy the constables job and I feel I have a good working relationship with town officials and the Sheriff's office." He feels, too, "that I have a good concept of the law." This, along with his police training, he cites as important qualifications for the job.

Donald G Richardson

CONSTABLE 3 yr. term

Mr. Richardson did not wish to make a statement.

John Pikiell

AUDITOR 1 yr. term

Mr. Pikiell states that he has enjoyed doing the Auditor's job and looks forward to doing it again in the coming year.

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David F. Bardsley

HIGHWAY SURVEYOR 3 yr. term

David Bardsley is running for re-election to the highway surveyors job, a post he has held for two terms. He points to his 7 years as road boss as a qualification for this office.

Additional experience he brings to this job is work in 1964 on the Wendell Highway Dept. and driving truck for Robinson and Noyes Lumber Companies. When he first took on the road boss job he met with other road bosses to learn to estimate highway projects. He says, "75% of the work is commonsense."

Bardsley cited several accomplishments among his recent work. He was pleased with the job that straightened a dangerous curve on Wendell Depot Rd., the location of a number of accidents. The new guardrails which work better and last longer, he noted as an improvement. He says that he has replaced more culverts than in years past, about 25, the rate necessary to keep them maintained.

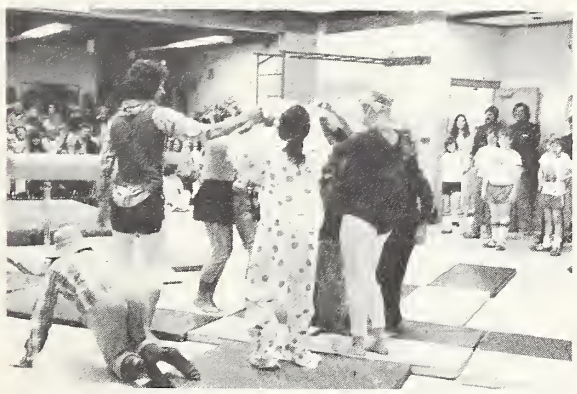
Bardsley says he favors "using gravel from out of town--it stays and works better." To solve the problem of places that wash out every year, he would ditch, gravel, oil and stone those spots.

He sees School House Hill (Morse Village Rd.) as necessary, but possibly thwarted in a dispute over the town's Chapt. 90 projects. At this date, the State DPW is threatening to withhold Chapt. 480 monies voted in December Town Meeting for this project until the Chapt. 90 contract on Montague Rd. is complete.

Bardsley points out that the Town earns money on Chapt. 90 work ($3,500/9-10 work last Year). But, he says, "If Town gave us enough money we wouldn't have time to do Chapt. 90 construction."

He says that a new town garage is necessary to better store the equipment and provide better working conditions for the crew.

Serena Stone on balance beam at Swift River School Gymn Show.



Gym show "alumni" struggle to outclass younger colleagues.

photos by Ed Judice

Joseph J. Williams

HIGHWAY SURVEYOR 3 yr. term

Mr. Williams submitted the following statement in support of his candidacy

"My experience: I am working at the University of Massachusetts on grounds maintenance. My job entails road repair, water sewer maintenance, mowing, snow plowing and sanding, swail cleaning, and cleaning streets and parking lots of winter sand.

I worked for a while on Hadley Highway Dept. rebuilding East Street. I hold a hydraulics license for front end loader and back-hoe.

My campaign: is to use sand, gravel, and stone, the resources of Wendell. I can't see buying processed sand and gravel at high prices.

I would stockpile and distribute firewood that comes from trees downed throughout the year to poor and elderly citizens. I want to achieve proper maintenance of all the roads. That means repair all weak spots in the roads. With the exception of New Salem Rd., I don't see the need to pave other roads. Dirt roads can be better maintained. I would follow a regular maintenance program for the equipment, and keep records of time and materials on all projects.

Goals: I would like to have the Highway Dept. regain the respect of towns' people.

To me, highway surveyor is a 24 hour/7day a week job. I will work closely with the Board of Selectmen on highway matters and the Finance Committee on purchases. I want to stop waste of overtime and cut costs by 15% or better."

Emma M. Cappelluzzo

MODERATOR 1 YEAR

Emma Cappelluzzo says "I really enjoy the job of Moderator and especially like the process of watching the community grow and become more sophisticated in the use of the Town Meeting and seeing these meetings work." She feels, "There is a sense that everybody has had a chance to say something about the issues."

The meetings are special to her because, "We are unique in the country, having been first to raise issues of national importance." She thinks "This is a result of having more than an average number of risk-takers." For the moderator "My biggest satisfaction is seeing that people do speak their minds."

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The New Salem/Wendell Rural Arts Program will sponsor a contradance at the Swift River School on Saturday, May 17th, from 7:30-9:30 pm. There will be a minimum admission charge and daycare will be provided. Refreshments will be available. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities.

HEAD START FAIR

Nationally, Head Start is celebrating it's 15th anniverary in May. A fair is planned at Turners Falls Head Start, G St. on May 3rd, 10-2 for all of Franklin County. Wendell Center will have a booth with spin art, sock puppets and face painting. Other activities will include pony rides, a puppet show and a parachute game. The fair is free. Food will be offered for a minimum price, including a bake sale.

NEW GAMES FESTIVAL

A "New Games" festival will be held at the Wendell Center School Monday May 12, from 1:30 - 3:00 pm. Head Start is sponsoring this "non-competitive, family fun." The public is invited. Child care will be provided only for Head Start parents, but children 3 and up will be able to participate with the parents.

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS CLUB

A Wendell Dungeons and Dragons Club is being formed. Persons interested in exploring various dungeons in and around Wendell should contact Robert Heller (SRB 51A, Wendell, Ma. 01379). Good possibility for accumulating gold, silver, and other loot; killing monsters of all descriptions; rescuing maidens, and other heroic and dangerous deeds. .

Help Wanted

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Social Notes

Wendell Golden Agers

Wendell Golden Agers held their monthly meeting at the Town Hall on April 8th. Pearl Hall and Chet Clark hosted members to a luncheon, which was followed by a business meeting and Po-Ke-No. Juanita Read was the grand winner.

The group is meeting weekly at workshops to prepare for their table at Old Home Day in July. May will be the club's anniversary date and members voted to celebrate by going out to dinner.

Land Transfers

3/ 3/80 Thomas Hoffmann to Daniel Keller, his interest and title to 75 acres, Ross Rd.

3/14/80 Paul and Jean McOwen to Linda A. Pirog, 3.5 acres, land and buildings, Farley Rd.

3/25/80 Ella Hebert to Robert Mattson, 35 acres, Locks Hill Rd.

3/28/80 J. Scott Dunn and Reginald J. Franciose and John K. Gagliani to Stanley Beretsky, 55 acres, Locks Hill Rd.

Police Log

3-4-80 Eugene Williams spent two days on Perry Farm Road.
3-9-80 Car stolen in Athol recovered burned on Montague Road.
3-18-80 One car accident on Mormon Hollow Road. No injuries.
3-22-80 One car accident on Depot Road. No injuries.
3-25-80 Virginia Noyes reported two dogs killed her goat.
3-26-80 Perry Howarth reported blue pick-up stealing cordwood on Jennison Road.
4-6-80 One car accident on Depot Road. Subject transported to Farren Memorial Hospital. Treated and released.
4-10-80 Romeo Caron transported to Franklin County Hospital. Chest pains.
4-14-80 Subject evicted from condemned trailor on Bullard Pasturd Road.
4-16-80 Paul Diemand reported bullentin board knocked down on Farley Road.

Fire Log

2-29-80 2:05 pm Fire in stovepipe at Kutsch residence (David Bardsley-owner) on Wendell Depot Rd.
3-1-80 1:28 pm Skidder fire on Skreba's land off New Salem Rd.
3-8-80 1:37 pm Smoke investagation in dormatory at Maple Valley School on Farley Road.

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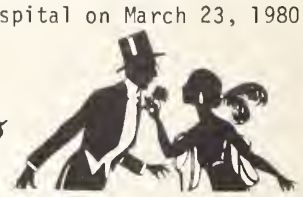
Vital Statistics

Births

Kyle Adin Gilman, son of Robert Adin Gilman and Mary Cunningham Gilman. Kyle was born at 2:08 am on February 17, 1980 at the Franklin County Public Hospital.

Kimberly Susan Smail, daughter of Gary Wayne Smail and Crystal Anne Sanders Smail. Kimberly was born at the Franklin County Public Hospital on March 23, 1980 at 1:37 am.

Marriages



Roger Wakefield and Vanessa T. Wakefield from Farley Road married in Deerfield on February 29, 1980.

Hospitalized

Romeo Caron, Mrs. John Tenney and Herbert Mc Avoy are all presently in the Franklin County Hospital.

Old Home Days Plans

The Fire Association & The Wendell Post have agreed to co-sponsor Old Home Day in a 50/50 arrangement, the details are yet to be arranged.

The date has definitely been set as July 26, 1980, the rain date not yet determined.

As representative of both organizations, Annie Diemand will be responsible for the basic outline of the days activities, which will become progressively more concrete as the day nears. Annie also agreed to serve as a "clearing house" for volunteers to contact.

The evening activities will be a Chicken Bar-B-Que, followed by an all-town talent show. After the talent show will be a dance.

The Outerspace Band has committed themselves to play during the day.

Next meeting of the Wendell Old Home Day Committee and the co-sponsores will be Thursday, May 14th at 7:00. Meetings will be held regularly on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month.

Contact persons for Old Home Day:

Tom Bardsley	4-2178	home
	4-6913	work
Annie Diemand	4-7347	home
	4-3806	work
Kathy Becker for talent show		
	4-2086	home
	4-6913	work

Entertainers Sought

Old Home Day evening entertainment will feature an all-town talent show. The search for resident volunteer show-people will soon commence. If you know the whereabouts of agile young acrobats, creative musicians, poignant poets, daring actors and actresses, lithe dancers, droll humorists, witty skit-makers, puppeteers, talking chickens, or other uncommon or pleasing talents, please contact Kathy Becker at 544-6913. Auditions are not necessary, but there will be a dress rehersal

Rt. 2 Thoughts.....from pg. 2

new constuction through Wendell State Forest would in 1985 dollars come close to 30 million. The combination of collasping federal support and lowered traffic volumes makes the south bank approach an unlikely one in Idoine's view.

The options spelled out in the FEIS for re-building through Erving approximate those outlined in the March/April Post. Although the FEIS, when submitted will recommend the south bank, the detailed planning and costing of the Erving alternatives seem to give substance to Idoine's statement.

Option 1 of the Traffic Management Plan costs $800,000(1980) and along with new guard rails, traffic controls and street lighting would provide a pedestrian overpass from the eastern Erving Paper Mill to the parking lot on the other side of Rt. 2.

Option 2 would incorporate these safety measures and "include minor roadway construction, such as the addition of parking areas adjacent to the highway which would allow motorists to pull off the highway in case of emergency." A prominent feature of this option is the elimination of the curve to the east of the paper mill and the relocation of the parking lot to the mill side of the highway. These and various intersection improvements would cost about $2,000,000. According to the FEIS, Option 2 would improve safety conditions on the existing highway with minimal social and environmental impact" and "would alleviate most of the worst problems on the existing alignment."

A Minor Modification Plan costing $6,750,000 would take 11 homes and one business and 27.5 acres of private land as well as 8 acres of Erving State Forset. "The Minor Modification Plan would significantly improve the roadway for motorists" by means of 12 foot lanes and 6 foot shoulders and the elimination of "several sharp curves and hazardous intersections." The social impacts, however, may be severe. The study states that "village tranquility would be disrupted and more homes would be affected by higher noise levels. Conflicts between pedestrians and motor vehicles would also increase."

The Major Modification Plan would add to the above plan 8 foot shoulders and even more extensive alterations to the existing street and highway plan.

People interested in the details of the several plans and their sketched layouts can obtain more information from Wendell Concerned Citizens, said Idoine.

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THE WENDELL FREE LIBRARY NOTES

This month spring bulbs are brightening the front of the library, thanks to combined efforts of Marion Herrick, Pliny Stebbins, and Tina Cohen. The Board of Library Commissioners in Boston has lent us a filmstrip viewer until June. Currently. there are many stories of interest to young children which can be played in the library, and the accompanying books may be checked out afterwards. We also have a "Super 8" film projector and screen with assorted short subjects. Lois Carey will set this equipment up for patrons who wish to view them in the library. April 18 and May 16 in Town Hall, the Library will sponsor shows of these short subjects, with some different films at each show,7-9 PM, admission free.

Video is coming to Wendell: The Library has been approved for a loan of video equipment by the Board of Library Commissioners. The project will involve filming aspects of life in Wendell, and will start in late April through June. So far the Golden Agers, Historical Society, and Swift River School have indicated support and interest. If you as an individual or member of town organization wish more information, call Tina Cohen at 4-7537.

Head Start students visited the library in March. Tina Cohen and Margaret Stebbins conducted the tour and shared books with the children. In April the library showed films that were projected on the insides of an inflatable whale, temporarily grounded in Town Hall.

Tina Cohen has joined the professional local organization, Franklin County Library/Media Association. At the February meeting, Norton Juster spoke and signed copies of his new book, So Sweet to Labor, of which Tina obtained a copy for our library.

Slides of Mexico warmed the hearts of travel buffs at a show in the library in March. Seventeen people attended; Mexican -style refreshments were served.

The library recently acquired associate membership with the New Alchemy Institute of Woods Hole. This entitles us to receive their newsletters and Journals. Back issues of numbers 4 and 5, plus the current issue are due in May and will be available at the library.

Summer hours return. On May 3, the Library returns to Saturday hours. Our schedule from that date on will: Tues. 12-2 PM, Wed. 12-4 and 6-8 PM, and Sat. 10 AM -noon.

by Tina Cohen

Wendell's Bicentennial

Plans for Wendell's 200th birthday (1981) are now being made by the Bicentennial Committee, chaired by Pat Judice. Among the ideas being discussed are a slide and/or film presentation of Wendell's past and present, as well as an "Old Time" picnic on the town common.

The committee has placed a request for $300 on the town warrant to be considered at the annual town meeting, May 13th. All suggestions and ideas for making this a memorable celebration are welcome. The committee is especially interested in historical information such as old stories, photographs, letters, documents. and any thing relateing to Wendell's history.

The committee members will be contacting groups and individuals in town for help and they encourage people to contact them as well. Other committee members are Jean Forward, Emma Cappelluzzo, and Jean Weber. Pat Judice can be reached at 544-3529.

Outdoors In Wendell

by Myron Becker

There is a small pond in Sunderland off of Rt. 63 which, because it is stocked heavily with trout, is warmer in the early spring than waters up here on the hill, and is a lovely place , is a popular fishing hole. It was there that I decided to christen the fishing season and baptize my canoe and line. So, with a friend and neighbor I sallied forth to try our luck. The water was 40°F and had been recently stocked with nice plump brookies, which were concentrated around the parking lot, as were hordes of fisherpeople, young & old, male & female, all catching fish and having a wonderful time. Since my tastes in fishing lean toward solitude and fish that are wild and more difficult to capture, we launched the canoe and paddled out to the far end of the pond to get away from the crowds and try for some fish that may have been "holdovers" from last year. They say that familiarity breeds contempt, and after more than 15 years of canoeing and fishing, it may have been a sort of contempt which made me "not bother to" throw the life vests into the canoe with the rest of our gear. It almost cost us our lives. Somehow the canoe capsized in 15 feet of water more than a hundred feet from shore, dumping us, fully dressed in boots and heavy clothing, as well as our gear, into the frigid water. Luckily there was another canoe nearby and the two other fishermen hauled us ashore. Immersed in the 40° water for an estimated 25 minutes, it rapidly became apparent that had rescue not been nearby, we would have been in real trouble. It is amazing how fast the body looses its physical capabilities in those temperatures. After 10 minutes it was impossible to swim. The incident certainly changed my casual attitude towards safety devises to one of respect. No where in my canoeing experience had I even come close to capsizing in still water. I learned my lesson and hope that this "true adventure" will get you all thinking about your own safety.

Well, the above incident didn't stop me from thinking about fishing, so here's some of my thoughts,for what they're worth. Equipment check: look at your rod guides and make sure they're not worn or grooved. Replace them if necessary, they can weaken your line and cause that big one to get away. Also, check your line, monofiliment spinning line weakens with age and exposure to sunlight. Make sure your spinning reel is filled to capacity, it will add to your casting ability. Use sharp hooks. Many fish are lost due to dull hooks. A good test: a sharp hook will "catch" on the surface of your finger nail.

Trout anglers, please remember that the resources which provide you with your sport are depletable. Limit your kill, don't kill your limit.

A fly-fishing course, anyone? Yours truly is interested in teaching one if enough folks are interested. Subjects covered would include: equipment, casting techniques, aquatic entemology, reading water, fly tying, field trips and lots of other stuff. Call me at 544-2086 if you are interested.

Lou on the Loose

That mild winter just passed makes the Springtime no less welcome to any of us including Wendell's musicians. As the earth turns to warm and green, everyone's spirits revive and, for the working musician too, the slow season is finally over. With the passing of winter, our local artists can look forward to roadwork without cold and snow, outdoor concerts, more spending/more shows, and the same reawakening of spirit we all feel as the sun embraces our hemisphere.

It wouldn't be Spring if John "Klondike" Koehler didn't go to New Orleans, and this year is no exception. Record-setting rains flooded the birthplace of Jazz two weeks ago but Klon reports the Annual Jazz and Heritage Fest will proceed on schedule. His position this year as Director of Evening Concerts will keep him busy there through May 1st. Last month, Klon was contracted by the Boston Globe Jazz Fest to provide and supervise the sound system for Benny Goodman's festival lead-off in Symphony Hall, Boston ...Back home in Wendell, pianist Debbie Fier has begun to perform regularly solo and with Julia Burrough in the Valley area with a May 5th date at the Iron Horse Coffeehouse on tap...Just saw Tom Devine (Tom and Shane) the other day and he's very happy with the way their music's going. He and Shane count Guess Who's in Orange and The Iron Horse in Northampton among their regular stops...Three To Get Ready debut April 19th at the Warwick Inn. Doug Huntington's original band, Magic Music, stopped playing a couple years ago, but Doug kept working at it and early reports on his new band are very complementary. Their posters say "light rock"; Lou, reading between the lines, thinks this means it's not hard rock but don't go thinking it's soft either. Doug always likes to keep it hot...Oatmeal! That's winter food you say. It's also the name of ex-Fairchild Larry Forbes' band from Rhode Island. He was in Wendell briefly last week and spoke of his new band as "an extension of Fairchild". Let's hope they extend their touring to our area... Pat Jones, on tour with Jesus Christ-Superstar, sent back early word that life on the road is one long bus ride. Hey Pat! Leave the driving to them!...Loose Caboose continues on the track which by the end of May will find them in Kingston, Jamaica recording at Bob Marley's Tuff Gong Studio. After long negotiations and preparations, Wendell's own head for the homeland of Roots Reggae for about two weeks with hopes of returning with an LP record with their own name on it. In early April, the Loose ones were written-up very favorably by David Sokol in the Valley Advocate with the spotlight on the Wendell Studio and the Caboose trip to Jamaica. Hope you caught it!...I'm running out-of-space and time for this column so I'll just wish you all a Happy Spring and see you next issue!

Lou Caboose

Wendell Spirit wins

When one of the towns posting boards was destroyed by childish vandals, some time Tuesday , April 15th, two towns people quickly repaired the damage. Doug Simon and Paul Diemand noticed the sign board and facilitated the repaires with the handiest rock they could find.

Nice going .....

ANNOUNCEMENT: The Mass. C.D. Agencey & Office for Emergenct Prepardness is having a Nuclear Civil Protection Seminar April 28 & 29, which will be attended by C.D. Director Al Diemand and Deputy Emma Cappelluzzo.

Post Restaurant Review

Paul and Elizabeth's Restaurant
150 Main St. Northampton
Open Monday-Saturday 12 noon to 10 PM.

Paul and Elizabeths' restaurant, located in Thorne's Market, is worth going out of your way for. A spacious well-lit room; decorated with imported crafts, photographs and potted plants; provides the relaxed atmosphere. Classical music provides the tone.

We started our meal with a spicy humus appetizer (a chickpea and tahini dip served with a few fresh raw vegetables and slices of whole wheat bread). The restaurant offers other appetizers, including soups prepared fresh each day.

They bake unusually good whole wheat muffins. The salads are big, fresh and tasty, served with a choice of oil and vinegar or sesame dressing.

Entrees range from broiled fish or scallops, to tempura, to noodle dishes (pan fried or served in broth). Two very good fried tofu dishes are included. A house specialty is "New England Steamed Dinner"- a variety of fresh vegetables, tofu and noodles cooked in a tamari broth and served with a dip sause.

My favorite is their tempura-food lightly batter-fried, served with a dip sauce. Depending on the specials of the day, tempuras may be made with vegetables, scallops, fish or shrimp. This tempura has to be eaten to be believed... Helpings are so generous that we often have more than we can eat. Leftovers can be taken home and reheated the next day under a broiler. It's just as good the second time around.

Beer and wine are available, including good imported beers and a small selection of table wines. Cider, Perrier, coffee and tea are also served. Prices for an entree range from about $3.50 to $6.95.

They have an impressive list of home-made desserts. Pear crunch, cheesecake and fresh fruit are among the offerings. I must admit that I've never, despite good intentions, been able to leave room for dessert.

Paul and Elizabeth's is a quality restaurant. They prepare their food with care, using fresh ingredients, and it shows. It's the kind of restaurant I like to support to ensure its being around for a long time.

by Susan McCaffrey

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